

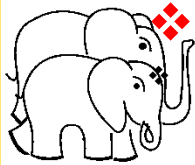
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- ❖ **“A Society for all** is one that adjusts its structures and functioning, as well as its policies and plans, to the needs and capabilities of all, thereby releasing the potential of all, for the benefit of all. *UNO 1995*
- ❖ "Eine Gesellschaft für alle ist eine, die ihre Strukturen und Funktionsweisen sowie ihre Strategien und Pläne den Bedürfnissen und Fähigkeiten aller anpasst, damit die Potenziale aller, zum Wohle aller zur Verfügung stehen.“
- ❖ **A society for all ages** would, additionally, enable the generations to invest in one another and share in the fruits of that investment, guided by the twin principles of reciprocity and equity.” *UNO1995*
- ❖ „Eine Gesellschaft für alle Lebensalter würde es ermöglichen, dass sich die Generationen füreinander engagieren und die Früchte dieser Investitionen miteinander teilen. Die Prinzipien der Gegenseitigkeit und Gleichwertigkeit sind dabei tragende Elemente. " *UNO 1995*
- ❖ **Justis for all generations is reached**, if the future generations will have the same opportunities as those of their predecessors.
- ❖ „*Generationengerechtigkeit ist erreicht, wenn die Chancen nachrückender Generationen auf Befriedigung ihrer eigenen Bedürfnisse mindestens so groß sind wie die der ihnen vorangegangenen Generationen*“



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Demands, expectations, programs for different age groups (UNECE Vienna 2012)

- Childhood and Adolescence to 18
- Präkarium 18-29
- Young adults 30 – 45
- Middle Generation group from 46 to 74
- Older people 75 – 89
- Old Old People 89 - open

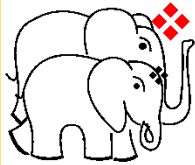
Older Person`s well being in terms of physical, psychological, mental, intellectual, emotional and social health is closely connected with the understanding, acceptance and estimation by the other groups of inhabitants!

Why are contemporary societies described as “ageing societies”?

The number of people in the EU over 50 will rise by 35% between 2005 and 2050.

The number of people over 85 will triple by 2050.

Solutions: ???? a higher level of participation of the older population in employment, digital capacity, effective health and social care services and a closer relationship between age groups



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Why is it necessary to distinguish between “Third and Fourth Age”?

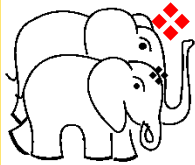
The **“Third age”** is the extended middle age applying to the post-65 age group

The **“Fourth age”** includes frail older senior citizens

Frailty causes:

- less quality of life.
- a general decline in health,
- less personal autonomy,

e-Inclusion should take frailty into account and promote independent living



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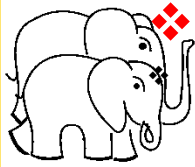
The solidarity model of the 20th and 21st century is based on the premise that the young pay for the old.

The middle generation is challenged at most in the social structure. They bear the cost of raising children and the bulk of the pension payments.

Currently, around 85% of care cases are taken care of at home by partners and older children mainly women. This means a high burden for the families, especially for the daughters who are usually over 60 years old and who are caring for them.

New models are in progress keeping frail older people at home helped by in care services!

A rethink is urgently required, because instead of seeing old people as a burden for society, **it is important to recognize that they are still able to make a contribution to solving social problems and want to make it**" (Donicht- Fluck 1990).



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Solidarity of a group of elephants!

- ❖ Elephants are said to attain old age and wisdom.
- ❖ The female animals live in herds with the young ones.
- ❖ When water is scarce the old ones remember more water spots than the young!
- ❖ When water is found the young animals may enjoy the water first.
- ❖ The pace of trotting is so arranged that the baby animals and the aged animals can also keep up with the rest.
- ❖ When life comes to its end, the elephant herd comforts the old dying animal with their trunk

